

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 649

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the citizens of the City of Silerton upon the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take pleasure in observing special occasions that preserve and celebrate the history of the municipalities that comprise this great State; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Silerton are most assuredly deserving of special recognition as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of their fair city; and

WHEREAS, the roots of the City of Silerton can be traced to 1869, when eight Siler cousins from Siler City, North Carolina, purchased land and moved to the Silerton area that year; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, the Gulf, Mobile, and Northern Railroad laid tracks through the area, which soon saw the construction of homes and businesses near the tracks and the erection of a train depot that was designated as "Silers"; and

WHEREAS, four years later in 1921, the growing community saw the establishment of a post office to serve area residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, the town was incorporated and named Silerton, to avoid confusion with the nearby community of Serles; and

WHEREAS, Silerton became a thriving timber trade center with a cotton gin, a sawmill, a planer, six stores, a depot, a gristmill, a post office, two churches, and a school; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, a volunteer fire department was established to serve the residents of the City of Silerton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Silerton annexed 146.8 acres in 1994, raising the number of registered voters in the community to sixty-eight; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1999, an old-time annual patriotic celebration was coordinated by the Baptist Church with over 2,500 individuals enjoying the gathering on the lawn; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Silerton received a state grant that enabled the town to build a park with a pavilion and a children's playground; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Silerton have added and continue to add immeasurably to the strength and character of Tennessee; their history and accomplishments have helped to build the cultural richness for which this State is known; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor this fine community and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the citizens of Silerton upon the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of their fair city and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.